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((TEXT)) "WE CONDEMN TERRORISM UNCONDITIONALLY" ((SUBHEAD))

((QUESTION)) WHAT EXACTLY IS YOUR ATTITUDE TOWARD TERRORISM?

WHAT ARE THE CRITERIA BY WHICH YOU DISTINGUISH BETWEEN TERRORISM
 AND THE ARMED STRUGGLE OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHICH YOU
 SUPPORT?

((ANSWER)) TERRORISM IS ANY ACTION DIRECTED AGAINST INNOCENT
 CIVILIANS, UNCONNECTED WITH THE CAUSE WHICH ONE IS CLAIMING TO
 DEFEND. WE CONDEMN THIS FORM OF VIOLENCE UNCONDITIONALLY,
 WHATEVER THE MOTIVATIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS OF ITS AUTHORS.
 ON THE OTHER HAND, WE SUPPORT THE PALESTINIANS WHO USE THE SAME
 METHODS IN THEIR STRUGGLE AS THE ISRAELI ENEMY USES AGAINST THEM.

((QUESTION)) ACCORDING TO YOUR DEFINITION, THE HIJACKING OF
 AN ISRAELI AIRCRAFT WITH ISRAELI CITIZENS ON BOARD IS NOT A
 TERRORIST ACT BUT A LEGITIMATE FORM OF STRUGGLE...

AFTER A MOMENT OF REFLECTION, COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI REPLIED:
 "THIS IS A CASE WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE LEFT TO THE JUDGMENT
 OF THE PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES. FOR MY PART, I STILL THINK
 THAT COMBAT ON PALESTINIAN SOIL IS THE MOST WORTHWHILE."

((QUESTION)) MR PRESIDENT, THREE COUNTRIES--EGYPT, TUNISIA
 AND SUDAN--HAVE ACCUSED YOU OF TRAINING HUNDREDS OF THEIR CITIZENS
 IN CAMPS IN LIBYA IN ORDER TO USE THEM SUBSEQUENTLY TO INSTIGATE
 SEDITIOUS MOVEMENTS.

((ANSWER)) THESE ACCUSATIONS ARE ABSURD. WHERE ARE THESE
 CAMPS? WE ARE PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE OUR GOOD FAITH BY RECEIVING
 COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY COMPRISING CITIZENS OF THE COUNTRIES
 CONCERNED OR PEOPLE APPOINTED BY NEUTRAL COUNTRIES. BELIEVE ME,
 THE OPPOSITION--LIKE THOSE WHO TRIED TO OVERTHROW GENERAL
 NUMAYRI'S REGIME IN SUDAN--DO NOT NEED LIBYA FOR TRAINING IN THE
 USE OF ARMS.

((QUESTION)) DID YOU NOT SUPPORT THE LEADER OF THE SUDANESE
 INSURRECTION, SADIQ AL-MAHDI?

((ANSWER)) CERTAINLY NOT. MR AL-MAHDI, WHO HAS EXCELLENT
 RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA, RECEIVED LARGE QUANTITIES OF ARMS
 FROM THAT COUNTRY...

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((QUESTION)) BUT SAUDI ARABIA IS AN ALLY OF THE SUDANESE REGIME..?

COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI BURST OUT LAUGHING AND REPLIED:

"THERE IS NO CONTRADICTION. THE SAUDI LEADERS SUPPORT GENERAL NUMAYRI WHILE PREPARING FOR HIS SUCCESSION.E.."

((QUESTION)) DO YOU REGRET HAVING HELPED GENERAL NUMAYRI, IN JULY 1971, TO REGAIN POWER AFTER A TAKEOVER BY A PROGRESSIVE JUNTA?

((ANSWER)) NO, BUT EVER SINCE THEN I HAVE BEEN CONSUMED WITH REMORSE BECAUSE I HANDED OVER TO HIM--IN A BURST OF RASH ENTHUSIASM--TWO LEADERS OF THE CONSPIRACY WHOM WE APPREHENDED AFTER FORCING THEIR AIRCRAFT TO LAND IN LIBYA. NUMAYRI EXECUTED THEM IMMEDIATELY, DESPITE MY APPEALS FOR CLEMENCY. OUR RELATIONS HAVE BEEN WORSENING EVER SINCE...

SYRIA IS SINKING INTO THE LEBANESE QUICKSAND ((SUBHEAD))

((QUESTION)) MR PRESIDENT, YOUR ATTITUDE IN THE LEBANESE CRISIS APPEARS PARADOXICAL. ON THE ONE HAND YOU SUPPORT THE PALESTINIAN-PROGRESSIVE CAMP IN EVERY WAY AND ON THE OTHER YOU MAINTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH SYRIA, WHILE ASSUMING A ROLE OF MEDIATION. HOW CAN YOU BOTH JUDGE AND TAKE SIDES IN THIS CONFLICT?

((ANSWER)) OUR OBJECTIVES AND THOSE CLAIMED BY SYRIA ARE IDENTICAL; WE ARE BOTH SEEKING TO PREVENT THE PARTITIONING OF LEBANON AND THE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE CRISIS. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT OUR SYRIAN ALLIES HAVE ADOPTED THE WRONG METHOD IN SENDING THEIR ARMY TO FIGHT AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS AND THE LEBANESE PROGRESSIVES. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY AND VIGOROUSLY URGED THEM TO WITHDRAW THEIR ARMY, THUS RESTRICTING THE CONFLICT TO THE LEBANESE PEOPLE ALONE. THE LEBANESE PEOPLE WOULD THEN BE IN A POSITION TO ARRIVE AT A SETTLEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR OWN TRADITIONAL FORMULA: "NEITHER CONQUERORS NOR CONQUERED."

((QUESTION)) THE PALESTINIAN-PROGRESSIVES SEE THE BEHAVIOR OF DAMASCUS IN A DIFFERENT LIGHT. THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT PRESIDENT AL-ASAD IS TRYING TO CONQUER THEM IN ORDER TO EXTEND SYRIA'S HEGEMONY BEFORE CONCLUDING WITH ISRAEL A PEACE AGREEMENT CONFORMING TO THE WISHES OF WASHINGTON. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?

SUDDENLY ANXIOUS, COLONEL AL-QADHDHAFI REPLIED AFTER A MOMENT'S THOUGHT:

"THAT IS NOT OUR OPINION, BUT NOTHING CAN BE RULED OUT IN THE ARAB WORLD. IN ANY CASE, WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT IN DENOUNCING THE POLICY OF DAMASCUS? WE WANT TO BE USEFUL, TO BRING ABOUT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE SYRIAN ARMY, TO SAVE THE PALESTINIAN-PROGRESSIVE CAMP AND TO PROMOTE A COMPROMISE UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT, ILYAS SARKIS. WE THEREFORE HAVE NO CHOICE OTHER THAN TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS OF MEDIATION."

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